Indo-Russian trade exhibitions

†1026. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal regarding participation in trade exhibitions between Russia and India is under consideration;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when a final decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIG VIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) With the view to enhance bilateral trade and investment, both India and Russia actively encourage regular and institutionalized interaction between businesspersons of the two countries. Participation in trade fairs and exhibitions held in each other's country is an important part of this ongoing effort. For example, a large business delegation participated in an exhibition of Indian goods in Moscow in February 2003. A Russian delegation led by the Governor of the Ryazan Region of the Russian Federation visited the India International Trade Fair in November, 2003. The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) are closely working with their Russian counterparts in this regard. Indian and Russian delegations also participate regularly in defence related shows and exhibitions in each other's country.

Highway project linking India, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam

1027. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
DR. KARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any Highway Project linking India, Thailand and Myanmar to provide for a road network in ASEAN;

(b) if so, the details of the project and contemplated contribution of respective countries to this project; and

(c) the progress made in this direction, so far?

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